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PART II: Coach Euverard talks to the team before the Homecoming game against Pearl-Cohn. The Big Red, currently 2-4, hope to turn the season around in the final four games, all against division rivals. See p.16 for more coverage.

Changes planned for Wilson Grants

By Sam Weien
Staff Writer

Over the past few years, the Wilson family has affected many students' lives. Whether it is aiding outstanding students by helping them to pay for college with the Wilson Student Grants, sending students over the summer to learn about math and engineering, or allowing eloquent language students to hone and refine their language skills abroad, many students on The Hill have been inspired by the Wilson family's generous donations.

The Wilson family has continued to help MBA students by adding another facet to the language grants. The MBA language department has looked into a language immersion program called the Monterey-Middlebury Language Academy.

The academy is held at several smaller colleges around the U.S., and this program is a great introductory session for going abroad. This program focuses on mastering the language itself, with the language being spoken all day and night. This provides a more intensive practice of the language, as opposed to going abroad, which exposes the student to the language most of the time but also provides a strong cultural education. These immersion experiences would serve as an introduction before a language scholar

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School dedicates new tennis facility

By Andrew Karpos
Staff Tennis Player

Everyone in the MBA community has surely recognized the spectacular new tennis center that the school finished last year. While these courts were officially opened last spring, on September 22nd a dedication ceremony was held.

This event recognized the donors whose contributions facilitated the building of the courts and development of the tennis program. Tom Boysen, head coach of the tennis team, says the dedication was a way to "honor and celebrate the men, women and families who gave money to help in the building of the facility, as well as the people who support the tennis programs here at MBA."

While many people had some idea of what the courts were going to look like from their building plans, all who saw the finished product were very pleasantly surprised. The sunken design of the courts, shaded pavilion in the center, and proximity to a number of other sports fields create an overall wonderful experience for all who come to the courts.

Coach Boysen, who traveled to
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Big Red goes green with geothermal wells

By John Mellow
co-News Editor

This summer, while MBA's campus saw rapid growth with the new garage coming on line and the Lowry Building rising, the installation of geothermal wells beneath the lacrosse field was largely overlooked.

Many may have observed the construction and drilling while driving down Harding Road, but few truly know the extent of the project taking place in the shadow of the hill.

A giant heat exchanger has been placed beneath the field, consisting of eighty wells, each five hundred feet deep and six inches in diameter. The wells will power all of the new Wallace Building and half of the Lowry Building by tapping into the potential of the Earth's crust.

Five hundred feet below the lacrosse field (and about five hundred twenty feet below the rest of campus if you

take into account that MBA is on a hill), lies an abundant supply of cool air.

If you have ever been in a cave, you know that below ground the Earth remains at about a constant 55° Fahrenheit. Geothermal wells provide a way to transfer the constant temperature from below ground to the surface, making the system ideal for heating buildings in the winter and cooling them in the summer. Montgomery Bell has decided to use the temperature difference between the surface and the subterranean to its advantage.

The output of energy from a well depends on several factors, including soil type and whether the ground is wet or dry. According to Mr. Robin Barrick, father of twin ninth-graders at MBA and mechanical engineer whose company is installing the wells, each well could transfer to the school 30,000 British Thermal Units (8,800 watts) of power per hour. In simpler terms, each individual well has the ability of heating or cooling an average-sized home.

How exactly do geothermal wells work? Obviously, there needs to be a system in which the temperature beneath the lacrosse fields can cool or heat air above ground. The solution is a series of loops of water which circulate through the wells. In the summer, water loops will absorb heat from Lowry and Wallace and then be cooled as they circulate through the ground before returning to the buildings. In the winter, the water loops will absorb heat from the ground and transfer it to Lowry and Wallace, warming them. Therefore, the wells effectively moderate extreme temperatures and, in fact, when the temperature difference between summer and winter is more pronounced, the wells tend to save more money for the building that they heat or cool.

One of the major factors pushing MBA towards geothermal wells is its attempt to become LEED certified. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental

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One student's attempt to bring Quidditch to Muggles.
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MR. CHENERY

EDUCATIONAL AND FUN: The seven-student marine biology crew takes a much-needed breather with their guide Stephanie Taylor (left). In one of many activities, sophomores Kalyan Chadalavada and Tarun Mallipeddi ('14) soak up the sun while learning about local fish (right).

Students investigate marine life over summer

By Davis Lovvorn
Staff Shark Slayer

On July 18, 2011, Kalyan Chadalavada, Ferriss Bailey, Tarun Mallipeddi, Hayden Palm, Armand Jhala, Brandon Carpenter, Davis Lovvorn and Mr. Gordon Chenery embarked on the Wilson Grant-funded marine biology trip to Ocean Springs, MS.

The group stayed in the local Comfort Suites. On July 19th, they embarked on a fishing trawler on which they learned to sort fish by classification and learned how to clean up spilled squid ink on Davis' hands.

Later in the day, the group landed on a barrier island and took a tour, learning about how the barrier islands act as protection to the Mississippi Bay. Also, the group had comb jelly wars, and the whole group knew that Davis got annihilated.

The next day, the group traveled on the tour boat, the *Tom McIlwain*, to go out for some fishing. The most notable catches were Mr. Chenery's Spanish mackerel, Davis' bonnethead shark and Ferriss' Atlantic sharpnose shark.

On the 21st, the group took a tour of the University of Southern Mississippi's marine biology facilities. The students toured a small aquarium, saw how the

bacteria of stingray venom was being researched and received an interesting lecture about recombinant DNA. Then, the young scientists took a nature tour.

A lecture on the effects of the gulf oil spill in Mississippi followed, and then the group dissected sharpnose sharks.

Unfortunately, on the last day, the river tour was cancelled due to rain.

Special thanks go to Mr. Chenery for chaperoning and providing insight, our guide Stephanie, the University of Southern Mississippi for hosting us and especially to the Wilson family for funding the trip. This great learning experience would not have been possible without their generosity.

MBA planning to pursue LEED certification through wells

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Design) program is a system that certifies buildings as environmentally friendly.

To become certified, a building must gain a certain amount of points that can be earned for making a myriad of environmentally friendly choices. Points are possible in categories ranging from Indoor Environmental Quality to Sustainable Sites, and within categories are awards for many small and large steps toward sustainability, such as attempting to use local materials, installing bike racks, restoring buildings instead of razing them, using quickly renewable resources (e.g. bamboo instead of oak) and, yes, powering buildings

geothermally.

There are different levels of LEED certification, and a construction site that wants certification aims for a level and attempts to gain as many points as possible. MBA will shoot for the silver level and, if it is lucky, might get gold certification. The application will be sent in once construction is completed.

If MBA becomes LEED certified, much credit will be due to the geothermal wells. MBA's project is ambitious. Last year America had approximately 60,000 geothermal well projects, but most wells were built to heat or cool individual houses, and, therefore, were on a much smaller scale

than the project on campus now.

While the wells will not be able to power older parts of campus (the costs of retrofitting existing buildings outweigh the benefits), they will provide MBA with considerable savings on the newer side of campus.

When the lacrosse fields are finally flattened out within the next few weeks, the construction of the geothermal wells on campus may soon be forgotten, but the effect they will have on the school's air conditioning, its heating bill and its vision for a greener future will be felt for years to come.

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New grants offer opportunities for language enrichment

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goes overseas, and those who attend the language academy will have priority as they apply for a travel grant the next year.

The Middlebury programs allow a broader range of students to expand the power of their patois. With this new option, freshmen and other students who have taken one year of a language are allowed to apply for a grant, which will help these students flourish in the more challenging second or third year of a language. In addition, more students will now be able to apply for a chance to study their language outside of MBA. The number of grants awarded has been expanded by five, going from twenty-six last year to thirty-one this year.

As early December approaches, the deadline for applying for these grants is drawing near.

Many other aspects of the Wilson Grants across the school are changing. The number of student grants being awarded in each grade is being reduced from five to three per year. Also, there will only be one teacher grant awarded this year, decreased from two last year.

This year has so far been monumental in terms of MBA students traveling abroad and contributing to the rise of the global MBA empire (cf. Mr. Gillespie). Hopefully 2012 continues to globalize the Hill. Through participation in these opportunities, any student can become a stronger, more articulate linguist.

On behalf of the MBA student body, *The Bell Ringer* would like thank the Wilson family for providing the students with these bountiful opportunities to travel and assimilate ideas from the entire world.

FROM BROWN TO GREEN: The lacrosse field may look barren on the surface, but deep below lies a reservoir of cool air that will help power the new Lowry Building for years to come. Once completed the project may enable MBA to acquire LEED Silver certification for its efforts to promote sustainability

Writers club returns

By Lucas Littlejohn
Staff Writer

This year, English teacher Mr. Haywood Moxley has brought back the once-traditional MBA Writers' Club, a group of young poets and novelists who are interested in more hands-on evaluation and development of their writing skills than one, for example, who solely publishes in Archives.

The group plans to meet four times over the course of each semester, partly leading up to the visit of writer Michael Knight, who will come to speak in April.

The club will focus on poems and short stories/fictional prose.

At the end of the year, even though the budget is scant, the club intends to publish an anthology, similar to Archives without the art, of all the works written by the group.

Naturally, the club is open to all students who want to join. The desire to catch as many extra Moxley-isms as possible is a perfectly valid reason to show up, but the group is looking to have sincere and zealous contribution from all its members.



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CARNIVAL 2011: Daniel Bellet mans the popular caricature table (top left); the dunk booth is always a Carnival classic (top right); Davis Lovvorn gets hype about twisting balloons (bottom left); Chris Duffey ponders the ever-difficult Rubix cube (bottom right).

Introducing the new members of the faculty, part II

Which new teacher despises Jar Jar Binks? Is bad at impersonations? Read on and find out!



Lee Webb,
Admissions & Alumni

Bell Ringer: What brought you to MBA?

Lee Webb: I finished my four-year active duty commitment in the Army in July and moved to Nashville because my fiancée is a third-year medical school student at Vanderbilt. After deciding to transition into the education field, MBA immediately stood out as the ideal place to put my military leadership experiences to use in developing young men of character.

BR: Which extracurricular activities would you like to contribute to at MBA?

LW: I am excited to start working with both the rifle and baseball programs.

BR: Are you more nervous or excited to begin teaching here?

LW: Initially I will be working in the Main Office, Admissions Office, as well as with the Service Club; however, as teaching opportunities become available I will be very excited to get into the classroom.

BR: Do you have any rare, secret talents?

LW: I was the undefeated belly-flop champion three years running at summer camp as a kid. I don't want to be boastful, but belly



Alex Dean,
Alumni Relations

BR: What brought you to MBA?

Alex Dean: Having graduated from MBA in 1993, I always had the intent of coming back and being a member of the faculty. The faculty in place during my years had a great impact on me, and I knew that I wanted to have the same impact.

BR: Which extracurricular activities would you like to contribute to at MBA?

AD: Coaching 7th-grade football, 7th-grade lacrosse, varsity lacrosse goalies, and the Service Club.

BR: Are you more nervous or excited to begin teaching here?

AD: I am filled with excitement.

BR: Do you have any rare, secret talents?

AD: Not really.

flopping truly is an art which cannot be taught.

BR: Which franchise is better, Star Wars or Harry Potter?

LW: George Lucas may have had an epic lapse in judgment when he created Jar Jar Binks, but Han Solo and Chewbacca in the Millennium Falcon will always be cooler than Harry Potter on a broom: "...I don't know, fly casual."



Christopher Lundgren,
History

BR: What brought you to MBA?

Chris Lundgren: What brought my family to Nashville was that my wife was offered a job at Belmont University teaching music. What brought me to MBA was the combination of serious academic interests, balanced with excellent extracurricular and athletic programs. We can improve upon the philosophy of the Ancient Greeks in many ways, but the ideal of a sound mind in a sound body remains a cornerstone of a healthy existence.

BR: Which extracurricular activities would you like to contribute to at MBA?

CL: I will be coaching soccer, the Microbes in the fall, and most likely with the junior varsity team in the spring. I will also be advising the Model UN club.

BR: Do you have any rare, secret talents?

CL: Every foreign accent I try to imitate ends up sounding like I'm from India.

BR: Would you like to see the BCS system or college football playoffs?

CL: I would like to see MLB drop this ridiculous wild-card system, and split the league into 8 divisions. That way, the White Sox



Marty Euverard,
History

BR: What brought you to MBA?

Marty Euverard: The opportunity to be at a great school.

BR: Which extracurricular activities would you like to contribute to at MBA?

ME: I will obviously be doing football, but I will also be an FCA sponsor.

BR: Are you more nervous or excited to begin teaching here?

ME: I am very excited.

BR: Do you have any rare, secret talents?

ME: No, not really, but I can play the piano.

BR: Would you like to see the BCS system or college football playoffs?

ME: I'd like to see a playoff.

might make it to the post-season once in a while.

BR: Which franchise is better, Star Wars or Harry Potter?

CL: The first movie I saw in the theater was "The Empire Strikes Back", so I have a soft spot for that film. Harry Potter, though, kept me company during several long bus trips when my wife and I weren't living in the same city.



Chris Chauvin,
Admissions & Math

BR: What brought you to MBA?

Chris Chauvin: I am arriving at MBA from BGA. I was drawn to the school because of the rich traditions it has in both the classroom and in athletics. MBA is an unbelievable school, and I am happy to have the opportunity to work in this community.

BR: Which extracurricular activities would you like to contribute to at MBA?

CC: I will be contributing in the athletic department and working with both the football and basketball teams. I would also like to contribute in working with the Service Club and in admissions.

BR: Mac or PC?

CC: PC.

BR: Would you like to see the BCS system or college football playoffs?

CC: I would like to see a playoff system. Other sports have it, and I would like to see a system that will not be scrutinized year after year. It would be nice to have a champion without someone second-guessing. If you can win in a playoff system, then you deserve to be recognized as the only champion.

Compiled by Sam Weien
Staff Writer

Sophomores deal with their growth, in due time

By Wells Hamilton
Staff Bemused Overver
The first quarter is wrapping up well for the sophomore class in almost all regards.

Unfortunately, **Wes Duke** still struggles to learn a language other than whatever it is he does when he speaks. **Dr. Pettus** would be displeased.

Garret Miler, on the other hand, is nearly fluent in German, as is **Joe Werthan**. Joe is farther on his quest to find meaning in the question, “Why Gets?”

Several students have encountered issues with AP American history. Fortunately, though, **Sam Gregory** has offered to tutor those who are struggling.

In sports, the losing football season is most notably due to the lack of playing time given to prodigy quarterback **Tucker Voges**. Luckily, **Blake Patton**, (who is now referred to as **Chief Bromden**) has healed from a broken collar bone, so now we can start to win again. **Bill** is excited to eventually fill the shoes of **Wesley**.

Rowing, on the other hand, is back in session with new tank tops molded fiercely by the masculine physique of **John Yoder**. **Nick Boney** will not be joining Rowing for a second season because, with the addition of new rowers like **Nick Trogdon**, Rowing has become too mainstream. He will be joining Riflery because of the new shooting range under the parking garage. Soooo underground, don’t you know?

It’s an interesting time for sophomores turning sixteen: **William Gray**, **Sam Smith** and **Duncan Smith** have all received their licenses.... **Grey Reames**, your services are no longer needed.

Henry Ingram is so excited about eventually getting his license this year that he will probably set his hair on fire...again. Several sophomores are also



THE MOST WELL THOUGHT OUT PAINTING IN MBA HISTORY: *In an effort that most would understate as unbelievable, these Sophomores managed to get 10 bros together to spell out a massive phrase. Well done!*

experiencing career changes; **Caleb Carpenter** has fulfilled his dream of being an Abercrombie and Fitch model. **Luke Cochran**, on the other hand, attempted to join the show River Monsters, but failed due to his all-consuming sweet tea addiction. **Stroud McMahan** also considers himself an outdoorsman. **Bailey Perrone** on the other hand, begs to differ. **Ben Yahnian**, if he doesn’t catch your attention with his red pants, is also learning the ways of the outdoorsman.

The class of 2014’s second homecoming experience was stupendous.

Unfortunately, **Denney Lackey** sat this one out. **Ben Shankle** almost attempted to double up on dates. Perhaps he will be willing to share. Before Homecoming, **Wilson Vaughan** decided he had had enough

of Murphy “Swagboy” **Smiley**’s famous sarcastic comments, so he decided to dye his hair black. **Will Glover** is also making a hair change if, and only if, **Matthias Obermeier** admits America’s superiority to Germany.

That’s all for now. If you see **Joe Werthan** around campus, please give him a hug. He’s mourning the absence of **Max Werthan**.



COMPARE AND CONTRAST: *This group of guys made an executive decision to put their shirts on when it came down to business.*

Juniors struggle to shine, future looks grim

By McLean Hudson
Co-News Editor

More than likely, you find junior year so far to be quite disagreeable. I saw the Privilege List today, and we have more people on there than any other class, but we also have the most people on the DiSH, so you are all somewhere between awesome and terrible. We were privileged enough to experience the first theme-day research paper in history, and everything is just all-around whine-worthy so far.

In sports, several juniors have been doing well, such as **J.T. Donald** and **Tony Birdsong** in football. I have no idea how we’re doing in cross country, but I’ll assume that **Alex Smith** and **Madison Rieke** are doing OK.

Since the deadline for this article is right before Homecoming, I can’t talk about all the great stuff that you already know happened, so I’ll offer your classmates’ predictions and maybe, if I need more stuff, some of my own. **Robert “the Papernator” Papel** guesses that **Ryan Potter** will go ham with his date and something about some sophomore following him that I don’t understand. **Hayden Deakins**, **Penn**



THE ONLY MOMENT OF HAPPINESS: *These juniors force a smile in what has come to be known as the worst year of High School*

Murfee, and **Andrew Karpos** will ‘doney’ with diety OG.

Sam Waitt did not want to make an unfair prediction about any of his friends, so I’ll do it for him: magical memories shall be made and possibly forgotten at Pump-it-Up. **Alex Benedict** and **Jack Brittain** will attempt to crowd surf, but one of them will wind up on the floor. **Tate Ramsden** will take two and let tail fly, and **Aaron Jumonville** will have a really good time with his friends. **Mark Lowe** will end up

with glitter on his face.

Yale and the rest of the Ivies are forizzles recruiting **Tate Ramsden**, but he’s got nothing on **Brandon Key**, who is closer than ever to signing with USC. **Nathan Fouts** reports that having fun isn’t hard when you’ve got a library card. **Mohammad Azamtarrhian** is keeping hydrated, and we had our first **John Wheeler** sighting a few weeks back, but he did/didn’t (circle one) manage to reappear for HC.

According to **Mark Lowe**, **Jackson Flora** spits anti-game. On the lady front, **Furman Haynes** reports that **B.I. Haynes** had a big weekend in Monteagle a little while back. **Furman** also says that **B.I.** has a cool girlfriend named Molly. Completely unrelated, **Patrick Moody** and **Sam Turner** built a boat with **Jake Simon**’s brother’s plans, and **Davidson White** is bringing back the style of the classic Southern gentleman.

J. Carlton Smith is learning Russian. **Mark Lowe** has a new fondness for the back seat of **Jackson’s** car. **Flora** was almost indifferent until he noticed all the glitter than Sandy wouldn’t notice until a few days later. **Mark** really likes how it feels, but, of course, he was displeased with the after effect so he went with the old double-sided tape method. Very clever.

Krazy times ahead ... no photos necessary. Brace yourselves for all that is the Ensworth game, PSAT’s, and various other things that are further on the MBA calendar than I have patience to find.

So, that about wraps this one up. Final thoughts? Boston plays paintball, **Flautt** looks like Ronaldo, and other stuff. Stay classy, San Diego.

Seniors make no mistakes, Scherrer

By Scott Dalton
Executive Editor

Now that Homecoming has come and gone, the Class of 2012 has realized that it is here to stay...at least for the next 8 months. On a scale of 1 to domination, **Daniel Peters** has been tearing it up on the XC course as the number one state title contender in the state...of Tennessee. **Maclin Davis** is better than all of us. **Baker Swain** can hardly keep from soiling himself in math class, and is banking on the industrial production of adult diapers to stay clean all day.

Joe Scherrer was handed a pencil by **Daniel Peters** and when **Daniel** apologized that there was no eraser, **Joe** responded with, “it’s okay, I don’t make mistakes.” In other news, **Carter Hach** likes to R-A-G-E rage, rage, rage and **Gray Jones** drinks juice boxes in closets most Friday nights. Congratulations to **Everett Hale Hooper** and his new lady-friend. We have lost a bro, but he will forever have his spot on the beanbag chair next to the Cheeto Puffs.

Cayce Ortale has yet to find his clothes as **Noah** has yet to find his jaws. If you know the whereabouts of **Noah’s** jaws, contact **Jamie Joyce** or **Preston Evans** at 1-800-Bro-Time. **Rob Edwards** was recently struck by thunder in the pectoral region. **Logan Standard** knows all about such things.

Daniel Bellet was recently spotted being filmed on Harpeth Hall’s campus for a sequel to his life story. **Daniel** has feelings,



WHERE ‘DA GOLD AT?: *The Class of 2012 is putting a bounty out for whoever can find the leprechaun. Above is an amateur sketch of the mystical creature*

too. **Karthik Sastry** was seen “broing out, doing bro stuff” with his bros. This bro time involved shattering Einstein’s theory about the speed of light. Take that, science. **Marshall Sorenson** continues to stare into space in almost all aspects of life. However, he continues to destroy me in math class so I will shut up now.

In other news, **Tanner Yan-Bag Yancey** broke his thumb playing touch football. Apparently there was a lady-bug on the field and it was significantly larger than the normal kind so no one would have not been taken down by it. It was legit!

Matthew Davidson wants to know where ‘da gold at and has threatened to get a back-hoe and uproot that tree in an effort to find the leprechaun. He will



DO I REALLY CARE?: *A question that is often asked by seniors is whether to try hard to look nice or to simply ride the senior slide al the way to the playground.*

use intimidating shout and the flute that has been passed down through his family for generations. There’s going to be fees, bro! On that note, **Brandon Sauermann** told another joke that wasn’t funny. Nice try. **Clay Sullivan’s** judgment has been lacking hard-core ever since he figured out his homecoming date had a boyfriend. He has since posted “wanted” posters around campus for the young chap’s head.

As I receive more and more complaints about people wanting to be in the class news, I must re-iterate that if you want a mention, bribes are required. For those of you who brought brownies instead of cookies, here is your honorable mention: **Jack Whitson**, **Weston Bell**, **Winn Van Cleave**, **Jonathan Reilly**, **Andrew Powell**

(’11), **Tim Bulso**, **Harris Elledge**, **Zach Chen**, **Austin Doeblor**, **Will Peffen**, **Ed Wilson**.

As for now, life remains steady for the Class of 2012. Not much happens from day-to-day with the exception of a lot of stuff that we don’t care to share because that would require movement and quite frankly we are all in relaxation mode. Perhaps we can have a chat in 8 months as we walk across the stage. We are certainly open to all suggestions for how to better ourselves that don’t involve actually bettering ourselves. Life is good on the Hill for all of us, and we will be accepting amateur sketches to prove our greatness. Stay warm with alpaca fur, **David Arteaga**.

Freshmen receive good news, tank tops

By Owen Powell
Staff Goober

In the greatest piece of news in our young lives, William Richardson has informed me that W8less is back ... and better than ever, with new bassist Cameron Travis.

As some of you may or may not know, W8less shocked the world with their jams at the final, and greatest, junior school mixer in junior school mixer history.

They again shocked the world, but in a different way, when they announced to the public that W8less would be no more. To all you still-sobbing fans, get up because W8less is back! Si Deane will still go ham in every single way he did before.

In other news, Will “10 is my name” Pearson, has made some sorta’ homecoming switcharoo with Joseph “I Don’t Care” McKinney. William Richardson is still dating that girl, so he took that girl to Homecoming. Nate Smith has gotten back into the game, getting a girl approximately one-third his body size to go with him. John Hazen.... nuff Said.

In older news George Hunt is a vampire, Pillsbury Dough-boy no more. Also, Jacob Coffey apparently has a love for horses, and Trice McCullar does not. Joseph Downey has been going tough. Logan Taylor is still living in our hearts. James Matthews is a mall cop.

I asked Joseph Downey what he



SOMEONE HOLD MY TANK TOP: *This group of Freshman bros can’t keep their hands to themselves*

had been up to in the past couple of months, and he quickly replied “umm... I’ve been going to MBA, and I’m in Algebra II.”

Harrison Lien proved to be a world class bowler, and Andrew Porter is a kicker.... nothing more than kicker. Matt Miccioli still cannot get people to say or spell his name correctly. Mike Lacey and Cole “Repping Balls” Euverard got some PT with the “vahcitty brey.”

One of the Barrick Twins and Mac Mackey wanted me to inform everyone of their scandalousness and how they received the first D’s on the shortest demerit list. HeHe. Blake Solarek continues to just be an all around lovable guy, and Ethan Rudolph twisted his ankle.

Jermaine “IDK how to spell your first name” Francis is slick dirty at basketball, and Chris Byrne is slick at golfing. Golf + John Hazen = Nuff said.

Finally, a word from Chatham “i swim” Dobbs and Trice “cant think of a nickname for you” Mccullar.... OOOHH IS THAT A FLASHLIGHT!!!!



SELF PICS ON MY COMPUTER ARE MY LFIE: *George Hunt loves to check himself out on a daily basis. Get swole, bro!*

NOT CLASSIC: *These bros are kickin’ it baby style in the tree-house.*



MY EYES ARE MINT POOLS OF DESIRE: *Blake Solarek is the king of pulling his date in close enough to be awkward.*



CLASSIC: *A typical Homecoming photo.*





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Big spenders “PAC” a punch

What happens when money and politics mix BY MCKAY PROCTOR

William Tweed had the perfect system. Whenever an interest group needed its views aired or addressed, politicians in the greater New York area could waltz down to the Democratic offices at Tammany Hall and lay their money on the table. For the right price, anything could become the cornerstone of the Democratic platform. For the right price, the Tweed Ring would do just about anything. Progressive Era reform wiped out the likes of Tweed as it purged city streets of trash of the physical and political variety. Ever since the onset of campaign funding reform in those early years, business interests and political campaigns have had a distinct separation. Campaign funding was watched carefully to insure that politics will not fall hostage to any one special interest.

The campaign finance system became a lot more Tweed and a lot less freed on January 21, 2010 when the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of Citizens United in the watershed decision of modern campaign finance: *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*.

The case centered on whether Citizens United could run a political attack ad in place of a campaign. The majority justified its decision, saying that corporations, unions and not-for-profit groups had been denied their rights guaranteed under the First Amendment by previous finance law.

Let me run that by you one more time: the court ruled that corporations are guaranteed the First Amendment right to free speech. If that sounds like nothing the First Amendment says or even intends to say, that is because it says nothing of the sort. If corporations

are guaranteed free speech, then why is false advertising prohibited? This decision in and of itself could inspire a lot of ink dedicated to head-scratching, but even scarier than the ruling in the *Citizens* case are the repercussions it will have on campaign finance.

Under the *Citizens* ruling, a political organization not under the umbrella of a campaign can finance as much political advertising as it can afford. Shortly after the court handed down its ruling, politicians and interest groups alike began to bend it to their needs. A new dominant force in independent political expenditure burst forth from the pages of the *Citizens* ruling: Super Political Action Committees or “Super PACs.” Now, political action committees have existed in some form since the earliest days of campaign finance reform. Yet before the *Citizens* ruling, PACs were just another part of the political landscape, like lobbies except they could make limited direct contributions to politicians, but nothing significant.

Super PACs, however, are liberated compared to their pre-*Citizens* brethren. Under the guise of a Super PAC, any company, interest group or union can indirectly spend an infinite amount of money in support of political campaigns, as long as they never put the money in the politicians hands. It’s as if the interest groups skipped Tweed, cut the middle man and started greasing the wheels themselves.

The nightmare scenario—made possible by *Citizens*—that will likely unfold, potentially, within this election cycle is this: Candidate A is running for president. Candidate A has a strong base of popularity. He has a chance to win the presidency for sure, but lacks the funding to compete for television in swing states with Candidate B, who has the lead in

polls and the fullest coffers. Enter the Super PAC. We’ll call them “the Acme Sprinkle Company Political Action Committee,” or “ASCPAC.” The folks at Acme make sprinkles, and they think that Candidate A could be a great friend to the sprinkle business if in the White House. The ASPAC and its affiliates in certain swing states use their right to unlimited independent expenditure to buy up all the air time they can muster for attack ads on Candidate B and support ads for Candidate A. What’s even more dastardly: since these ads are not approved by Candidate A’s campaign, Candidate A cannot be held responsible for any ridiculous and untrue slander about Candidate B in them. These ads from the ASPAC push Candidate A into the lead in the swing states, and therefore to the presidency. President A, however, will forever have to remember that it was the Acme Sprinkle Company that got him there. Bending to the needs of the sprinkle business, President A pushes bill after bill through Congress that allow crimes unseen in the sprinkle business, all in the name of repaying the ASPAC, which in turn gives them even more money to fund political campaigns.

Scared yet?

The fearful implications of the *Citizens* ruling only grow when one considers just how far this can stretch. Not only can corporations spend all they want, but so can unions, special interest organizations and even non-profit organizations as well. These organizations may not sound particularly fearful, but an American government run by someone beholden to these interests, more than just because they are voting blocks, is frightening. It’s like some sort of crazy conspiracy theory that groups be granted this type of political power: the power to turn the tide of elections on their own. But this is happening. That’s the part that scares me.

The synthetic conundrum: a medical perspective

BY MATT MICCIOLI

Spice, K2, Genie, Blaze, and Kronik are all names referring to the chemical compounds JWH-018, JWH-073, HU-210, and cannabicyclohexanol: synthetic cannabinoids. Created in unregulated Chinese factories, these products are smoked to produce effects similar to those of marijuana. Originally discovered during medical research on the effects of cannabinoids on the brain by Dr. John Huffman in 1995 and later discovered by marijuana users as a legal alternative, K2 rapidly gained popularity and was sold very cheaply. Although K2 produces a similar high to the cannabinoids like the THC in marijuana, these synthetics are readily available and are even sold in some gas stations.

However, the synthetic cannabinoids are between five and 800 times more powerful than THC, raising serious concerns that the schizophrenia linked to excessive consumption of THC could occur on a drastically greater scale. Symptoms of hallucination, paranoia, extreme nausea, loss of consciousness, and

an increased heart rate that could potentially be deadly to users with heart conditions like arrhythmias and murmurs are all common side effects of K2 in hospital emergency rooms. Also, users reportedly experience withdrawal and addiction symptoms similar to those of other illegal drugs. Toxicologists warn users to be aware of the mysterious nature of K2 and Spice production, as there is little scientific data on these synthetic cannabinoids, the manufacturing process, and whether or not producers are mixing in other harmful chemicals.

In summary, K2 and other synthetics are harmful, illegal, detectable, and its ingredients are essentially unknown—a recipe for disaster.

To spend, or not to spend

Two perspectives on balancing action and austerity

Keynesianism is the key (a pun worthy of Dr. Bailey)

BY WILL STEWART

Portugal. Italy. Ireland. Greece. Spain. What do these five countries have in common? No, there isn't someone from each of them on the MBA staff (though we do have a strong showing from one in particular; well done, Mr. Kelly). Together they make up the PIIGS countries, several European nations hit particularly hard by the global recession that have fallen into massive debt. To combat the growing problem, the European Central Bank has most recently bailed out Italy and Spain, buying up huge amounts of their national debt. In return, the European Union has mandated that the governments slash spending to keep debt from getting this high again.

Those poor misguided fools. Whenever a government cuts spending to reduce national debt, it's called an austerity measure. Often, governments will implement austerity measures in times of economic crisis to stabilize governmental credit and enhance spending power. The funny thing about austerity measures during a recession, though, is that they don't work. While common sense would indicate that the best way to lower debt is to spend less,

this simply isn't the case. The government isn't analogous to a single person who has to balance his checkbook every year; the intricacies of government spending extend far beyond the simpliminded assumption of "spending less = lower debt."

In fact, austerity measures almost always have the opposite of their intended effect. Limiting the government's ability to spend during a recession chokes economic growth. It's not as if this is a new realization; John Maynard Keynes illustrates the failings of austerity in his 1936 work *General Theory*, in which outlines his own economic theory, now known as Keynesianism. Keynesianism is essentially the reverse of austerity: instead of spending less during a recession, a government spends more, to stimulate economic growth. Government action is designed to reduce unemployment and to increase overall production. The deficit is then reigned in during times of economic prosperity.

Eversince Keynes' groundbreaking work, Keynesian policies have seen general success and are widely credited for alleviating, and in part ending, something called the "Great Depression," which was

apparently kind of a big deal. Maybe you've heard of it. In all seriousness, though, when crunch time came in the form of the worst economic crisis the modern era has seen, it wasn't austerity the government turned to, and it wasn't austerity that helped solve the problem; it was Keynesianism. Even the recession of the early 1980's, which conventional GOP wisdom states was ended by Reaganomics, along with elbow grease, white picket fences, and the dad from *Leave It to Beaver*, was in actuality solved by the Keynesian policies of the Federal Reserve Chairman of the time, Paul Volcker.

The common misconception among those afraid of Keynesianism is that a national debt is something to be feared. Yet national debt is something that exists within any modern state. Today's economy is built on credit, which always requires a certain amount of debt. In fact, there are a grand total of four countries in the world that don't have a national debt: Brunei, Liechtenstein, Palau and Taiwan. On a list of countries arranged by total national debt, you'd have to go down 150 spots to find one that doesn't have over one billion US dollars of debt. Debt has only recently

become such a big issue because the Tea Partiers in Congress made a fuss over the debt ceiling. Raising the debt ceiling, however, occurs many times within any president's administration—only without the hullabaloo that accompanied this last one. Ronald Reagan himself raised the debt ceiling 18 times.

Keynesianism should not be rejected simply because it adds to the debt. Certainly no country should spend freely with blatant disregard for their debt, but Keynesianism can be enacted successfully without fears of its driving the debt up to an unmanageable level.

So those austerity measures I mentioned earlier that the EU imposed on Spain and Italy? They're not working. Investment is down to a trickle in those countries, and their debts continue to skyrocket, despite massive spending cuts. Austerity measures have only worsened the problem that Keynesianism could have solved easily. Keynesianism must be the go-to policy for countries in recessions of the future.

Immediate budget cuts are the only option

BY SAM WAITT

Now, I am no economics expert, but I will lay out why we should choose austerity over spending to get us out of the economic mess our nation is in. I'm sure that many students here can ask their parents how our country is doing compared to five years ago. The majority of these parents will answer that they're much worse off. The reason: our debt.

Yes, President Clinton had consecutive budget surpluses, and President Bush did increase the debt from 5.7 over 10.2 trillion dollars, and no one can dispute that.

But, look at President Obama and his debt. In a period of 32 months since Bush left office, our debt has increased to 14.7 trillion dollars. Compare that to the 96 months of the Bush administration. This fact can also not be disputed by anyone on the left. So, in only a third of the time,

Obama has increased the debt the exact same amount as Bush. So, Obama is not the Clinton the Democrats were looking for with regards to the debt.

We see why this is: Obama has not slowed down Bush's military spending, his Congress passed many major spending bills of trillions of dollars, and he has kept most of the Bush tax cuts.

Another important stat is the debt to GDP ratio. We see now that the Reagan and first Bush years did not see such a jump because their policies led to a greater and greater GDP. Now, with Obama as president, our debt to GDP has crossed over 100% for the first time ever. Reagan's and Bush Sr.'s flaw was that they did increase military spending, but they had Democratic Congresses which did not allow for any non-military spending cuts. Reagan's tax cuts, although popular, did not help.

Fast forward 30 years from 1981 to 2011. Our debt is now a crippling \$14.7 trillion, with no happy ending in sight.

There is a solution, it's not going be pleasant, but then again when you're in this deep a hole nothing is pleasant. It is true we probably need to temporarily increase taxes on all incomes to increase revenue, and we should make sure that all tax loopholes are avoided.

Second, we've got to cut spending. "Cut! Cut! Cut!" should be the phrase on all our minds. No more Keynesian spending bills, at all, ever. Take away all the earmarks, too. We also have got to cap spending. Our congress should have the discipline to know that they can't just spend on whatever they want.

Finally, we need to balance our budget. The American people have to balance their personal budgets every year,

so why does our Congress have to be exempt from this? I remember hearing from presidential candidate Newt Gingrich that had President Obama been in the private sector, he would be fired.

Speaking of the private sector, those are the people who can add to infrastructure on their own with a balanced budget, not the government, so big stimuli are even more unnecessary.

Even from the right, I see that the Bush tax cuts were idealistic, and our liking them still doesn't mean they're a good idea for our debt. Just look at Greece; their debt is so bad because they have spent so much that austerity is their only way out, and it is what they are choosing.

So it is clear that austerity is the only way to get out of our debt.



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WELCOME TO THE BEAT LAB: *Mr. Quinn's advisees will often enjoy daily quizzes on knowledge pertaining to random facts. Mr. Quinn also enjoys a good listen (see p.20)*



BRYAN OSLIN/BELL RINGER

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: *Mr. Gaither's advisees enjoy the finer things in life such as gentlemanly discussion.*

Advisories find unique ways to begin the day

By Bryan Oslin
Staff Observer

Advisory, also known as homeroom time to the microbes, is a brief, yet fruitful period of ten minutes where friendships flourish and students cram material before first period tests.

However, some advisories have their quirky inclusions, which differentiate them from the others and add flavor to the dreary morning. As I progressed through high school, Mr. Gaither's daily reading from *How To Be A Gentleman* became a routine, which, if missed, put a damper on all his advisees' moods. Each day, we would learn new lessons on how to behave gentlemanly, which reflect on the MBA motto. "A gentleman must never chew with his mouth open" or "A gentleman never asks

if a woman is pregnant, for she might not be" are two essential and memorable ideals.

While W15 is a haven from talking with one's mouth open, other advisories have breakfast. Mr. Gioia's group has breakfast on Wednesdays; Mr. Hamrick has Friday Feasts, where the duty of bringing in doughnuts, chicken biscuits and Cheerwine rotate among the advisees.

The cleverest activity, however, occurs in Dr. Boyd's advisory. According to Brandon Sauermann, they have weekly advisory quizzes. If an advisee gets a question wrong, he puts in money. But if an advisee answers correctly, Dr. Boyd adds his money into an advisory "fund". At the end of each semester, this money goes to advisory rewards of doughnuts and pizza and any other treat they desire.

Yet, some advisories choose activities involving sports. For instance,

according to Myles Anderson, students occasionally play mini-golf in Mrs. Qian's advisory.

The advisory of Mrs. Palmore makes picks of the key college football games. ("not gambling"). Glory goes to the best guesser.

Some advisors, *triste dictū*, do not have any quirky aspect to their advisories, for any activity is up to the discretion of each advisor. Some just read the announcements, which is perfectly fine. However, I find that further communication between each advisor to his/her advisees builds better camaraderie.

In some cases, these idiosyncrasies also show the character of each advisor from his/her laxness to his/her strictness. Either way, each advisee develops a unique relationship with his advisor through these ten-minute periods.

Historian Ron White speaks about Civil War, his career

By Davidson Frith
Staff Writer

During assembly on Monday, September 26, we all listened to guest speaker Ronald White Jr. talk about Abraham Lincoln and the meaning of the Civil War today. Dr. White has a PhD in history and theology and is a visiting professor at UCLA, where he teaches three classes on American Intellectual History. He has spoken in many important places, such as the White House and MBA, and is also a *New York Times*. Later in the day, after the assembly I sat down with him in the library for an interview.

Bell Ringer: What do you think of MBA? **Dr. Ron White:** I'm very impressed. Some years ago, we were worried, as we should have been, about the studies of girls. But, some of the studies in the last twenty to thirty years show that boys are falling behind in our education and are not going to college in the same numbers as girls. So, to come here and see the wonderful education that people are receiving is very gratifying. **B.R.:** At what point in time did you become interested in the Civil War? **RW:** In 1993, the Huntington Library put on an exhibition on Abraham Lincoln, which

I attended. I was teaching at UCLA, and I decided to offer a seminar on Lincoln and bring my students to the exhibit.

B.R.: What about the Civil War most interests you?

RW: Well, it started with Lincoln as this fascinating figure, and then the question I addressed today, what is the meaning of the Civil War today?

B.R.: And what is the meaning of the Civil War today?

RW: It helped to redefine who we are as a nation. The Founding Fathers passed on the issue of slavery. Lincoln, with his Emancipation Proclamation said we cannot pass on this issue any longer.

B.R.: What time periods other than the Civil War interest you?

RW: What we call the Progressive Era, 1890-1920.

B.R.: And what about that era interests you?

RW: After the Civil War, we exchanged slavery, sadly, for segregation. Up until World War I, ninety percent of African Americans lived in the South. When they began to move north, the problem of race now became an issue that all Americans had to face. I was interested in how people in the progressive era did or did not stand up to the issue of race or segregation.

B.R.: Was Lincoln a racist?



DR. RON WHITE: *Dr. White visited MBA earlier this week to speak at Assembly. He spoke with the Bell Ringer later that day.*

RW: The word racism was not coined into the English language until the 1930s, so it's not fair to judge people from the 19th century by the standards of the 21st century. Lincoln advocated human rights for African Americans, but he could not imagine what he called "social equality."

B.R.: So, then, was he the Great Emancipator?

RW: He was, yes, but in recent years we need to give more credit to the slaves who emancipated themselves. With courage, they walked toward the union lines and freedom. **B.R.:** Do you think that your study of theology and religion affects how you look

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The bake sale: the most important part of Homecoming

One student reflects on everyone's favorite gastronomic tradition

By Kang Huh
Staff Chef

It's Homecoming season again, which also marks the excitement of football, spaghetti, patriotism and loads of sugar.

But, reader, ask yourself this: what defines MBA more than anything else during this festive week? The answer would be, the annual MBA Bake Sale, a maelstrom of cakes, brownies, cookies and pies (to name a few) so large a man could be engulfed in their sumptuousness.

We can trace the Bake Sale all the way back to 1962, when the earliest recorded MBA Spaghetti Supper took place. Since then, teachers and students alike have been loyal, returning customers.

Now, nearly fifty years later, hundreds of hungry, sugar-deprived and sleepy students (zombies, more or less) still crowd into our seemingly endless gym, swamped by a sea of sweets during free periods.

Snacks, ranging in price from twenty-five measly cents to an astounding thirty-five dollars quickly disappeared from the table: a clear sign of yearly anticipation.

Soon, though, the gym would be emptying, as the call of class overcomes the call of calories, and students, seemingly enlightened, carry their loads of pure richness, or "sugary bliss," as freshman Matt Miccioli puts it. These morsels, which bring evident joy and meaning into the students' lives, were inconspicuously and sparingly eaten in the presence of marginally understanding teachers and became the fuel for the engine called the human stomach.

In addition to these scrumptious sweets, the Mothers Club has developed a new addition to the MBA tradition: the Official MBA Bake Sale Cookbook. Written in response to the high demand from students and other mothers alike, this book includes recipes for wildly popular favorites such as Rice Krispy Treats, the ever so delicious Puppy Chow and a myriad of breads and cakes.

With this fabulous new addition to the MBA Bake Sale tradition, life after homecoming can become more livable, especially with these new ways to recreate this traditional feast with some success.

Now, one week later, I can only imagine the revenue pulled in through this awe-striking, stomach-swelling, cavity-inducing, annual event.

Hidden Stories

The Bell Ringer profiles one student and one teacher whose talents fly under the radar. In this issue: a chess phenom and a college football star.



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Sal Neglia ('13) rules the chessboard

By Hayden Palm
Staff Personal Life Writer

Have you ever challenged Sal Neglia ('13) to a game of chess? If you have, you were probably beaten. You may have even asked for a rematch, but chances are, you were beaten again.

If you've wondered why you just can't beat Sal, I can offer a comforting explanation. What you may not have known is that Sal Neglia is a chess phenomenon who has been playing competitive chess since the age of eight.

Sal first took interest in the game after finding his grandfather's chess set while moving from New Jersey to England. In England, he found himself in a place with many opportunities for chess players, and he joined the Richmond Junior Chess Club in London.

After only a few months of practice with the club and his dad, Sal began playing

in tournaments and was the best in his age group by the age of nine. He was so good, in fact, that he needed better competition, so he hired a chess coach who propelled him to even greater success.

Upon returning to the States, Sal became doubtful that he could improve his skills. He considered quitting his training, but ultimately decided to work through the slump.

His decision paid off because he now has more wins than he can remember. Sal continues to train with a personal coach and dominate in competitions. He has won the Nashville City Chess Championship seven years in a row, and his current chess rating has reached the high level of 1900 points, which puts him only 100 points away from being classified as an expert.

Sal has hopes of playing chess in college and will most likely be granted scholarship money for his impressive accomplishments.

THE MASTER AT WORK: Sal may smiling now, but he is all business on the chessboard. He is the reigning champion of the Nashville City Chess Championship for the seventh straight year.

Mr. Bernatavitz: Family Man, Teacher, Athlete

By Mr. Jamie Tillman
Staff Investigator

We know him as a soft-spoken Latin and History teacher. He is the father of three children and the husband of a noted Nashville doctor, Dr. Jan Price. But who was this man before he arrived at MBA in 1997? What were the forces that made him the Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete we know today?

He hails from Pennsylvania. He attended Notre Dame High School in Elmira, New York. He was class President for all four years. He was a three-year starter in football, and during his senior year he was the nominee from his school for the Ernie Davis Award.

He was voted Best All Around, a senior superlative that ended a wonderful senior year. Oh! Also, he was voted the Best

All Around Athlete. Oh! Also, he had the highest scholastic average for four years in his religion class.

Off to Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA) to double major in Latin and History and play football for the Red Devils. During his senior year, J.P. Bernatavitz rushed for 1666 yards for the 8-1-1 Conference Champions. He was a member of the 1991 Centennial Conference All Conference Team. He also was honored as a D III All American. And, it was not surprising [to this writer when he learned] that Mr. Bernatavitz was a member of Dickinson College's prestigious RAVEN'S CLAW, the Gentlemen's Honorary Society which honored seven male students out of approximately 600 seniors for this award.

J.P. Bernatavitz, a Gentleman, Scholar, Athlete before he arrived on the Hill and today still stands as a Gentleman, Scholar Athlete!



HEISMAN POSE?: John Paul Bernatavitz, formerly a star running back for the Dickinson College Red Devils, shows off his stiff arm. His playing days behind him, he is known to the MBA community today as a teacher, coach and family man.



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NOT QUITE THE MCC: The MBA cricketers play a scrimmage on the new field, the only cricket pitch in Middle Tennessee on top of a parking garage. A group of students learns the hard way that fielding is more difficult without a glove (right), and pace bowler Nicholas Green displays his unorthodox but deadly side-arm delivery (right).

Cricket Club brings British flair, frequent tea breaks to the Hill

By McKay Proctor
Cricket Club President

All jokes about insects aside, the Cricket Club demands your respect. We know you think the sport sounds scary, weird, and British, but the Cricket Club is dedicated to eradicating your ignorance and wickets.

Under the inspirational leadership of Dr. Tim Boyd, the Cricket Club resumed dominance of the cricket circuit of the state of Tennessee. I say *resumed* because a first cricket society on the Hill dates back to the late days of the Wallace School. I say dominance because the MBA wicket-splitters are the only secondary school cricket society in the State. All of this means that the MBA cricket program has been undefeated for the better part of a century.

The climb to our next state

championship began on Friday September 17, when the sides met for an intra-squad friendly. Team MBA Family defeated the Big Red Cobras by 4 wickets (the cricket equivalent of four outs).

The highest scoring batsman was Nick Boney with 7 runs, due to a poor outing by Cobras bowler Zach Chen.

While this score *per se* is not important in the sporting landscape, its importance as a watershed event is of considerable import. After a long hiatus, cricket has returned, and returned with a vengeance.

Gentlemen, let's play ball. (Editor's note: The earliest definite record of a cricket game dates to the late 16th century in England. The name *cricket* most likely is derived from the word for *stick* or *club* in not only old English, *crice*, but also Dutch, *krick*, and French, *cricquet*.)



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NEW COURTS: The new tennis courts have been in use for months, but have only recently been dedicated. Coach Boyson hopes the new facility will "serve as a doorway" through which the community at large can see MBA.

Special Thanks

These generous alumni and friends of MBA tennis have provided gifts to make our new tennis center possible:

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Big plans for newly dedicated Keeble Tennis Center

>> TENNIS FROM PI

many different tennis centers throughout the nation during his time as Vanderbilt assistant coach, says the tennis facility "rivals or surpasses most of the nicest tennis venues in the entire Southeast."

Many of the donors for this complex either went to and played tennis at MBA, have children who attended MBA or are avid supporters of MBA in general.

The ceremony especially

honored the late John Bell Keeble, the lead contributor, for whom the facilities are named. Keeble himself played tennis at MBA and continued to show a strong interest in the school for the rest of his life. His donation to the new courts manifests his will to create a lasting legacy for MBA and its tennis program.

These courts will not only be used by MBA students, but will also have a direct impact on those outside the MBA

population. Events such as summer camps and junior clinics during the year are attended by many non-MBA students and create fantastic exposure for the school.

Also, the United States Tennis Association has already shown an interest in holding major tournaments at the MBA facility, bringing some of the best players in the Southeast to the school. Coach Boysen believes that these courts will "serve as a doorway for many people to see the MBA

community."

Overall, these courts could not have been built without the generous donations made by a number of people involved with the school. With the help of these loyal and supportive benefactors, a remarkable vision was turned into a reality. With the help of those honored at the dedication ceremony, MBA athletes for many years to come will be able to enjoy this amazing facility.

Grads Apple and DeWitt ('10) continue sportswriting careers at TCU

By George Swenson
Sports Editor

Both avid sports fans, Alex Apple and Nathan DeWitt have continued their sports career at TCU since graduating in 2010. While at MBA, Alex was Sports Editor for *The Bell Ringer*, while Nathan managed the football team for three years. Both started the Baseball Club, which played the game "tennisball" and worked extensively with announcing for MBA baseball games.

Knowing that they both wanted to write sports articles, Nathan and Alex quickly became involved in the school's paper. Their first jobs, however, were not the glamorous jobs of writing on the Rose Bowl Champion football team or covering the preseason #1 baseball team at TCU, but rather, as Nathan recounts, he first covered the women's alumni volleyball game.

Starting from the very bottom, both quickly began working with the TCU radio station. Their hour-long broadcast would not only allow the two to gain experience but also exposure.

Using their success on the radio station, Alex and Nathan created their own website, sportdfw.com. This website, which

at its height receives thirty thousand views per month, focuses on the major sports in the Fort Worth area.

Within the past year, the World Series, the Super Bowl, and NBA Finals have all been held in the Fort-Worth area, so the information was endless.

In addition to Nathan and Alex, the website features Tyler Paslick ('10) as a blog writer. Since starting the website, Alex has received a job with Rivals.com, a national website known for its high school recruiting. He has also been named the beat writer for the TCU basketball team.

In addition to getting paid to write, Alex, as beat writer, has enjoyed the perk of traveling with the team during the season. Additionally, "the information I have access to as a writer for Rivals is communicated to the coaches and allows the coaches to know what the recruits are thinking." This information also enables the fans to see the future of the program.

When asked how this writing differed from MBA theme writing, Alex and Nathan said that it could not be any more different. Rather than having time to develop, write, and edit articles, writers must produce an article in about thirty minutes, and, rather than having a couple



DYANMIC DUO: Nate DeWitt and Alex Apple ('10) visit Atlanta's Turner Field. The two of them now channel their love of sports through journalism at Texas Christian University.

body paragraphs, sports journalism consists of short, detailed paragraphs.

Nathan admits that writing does get very busy at times. "While covering spring practice for TCU football, I interviewed Coach Patterson (which is always an interesting experience), ran across campus to the newsroom, wrote up my story in about 15 minutes, sent it to the editor, and then

ran downstairs to do the radio show, still sweating."

With the football season in full swing and the basketball season starting up, Alex and Nathan will only be busier.

*To follow Alex and Nathan visit their website, sportdfw.com.



BIG RED PHOTOS

SCENES FROM THE FIRST HALF: *The Big Red D lines up against Trinity High School (left); the special teams unit kicks off the Homecoming game against Pearl-Cohn (right)*

Challenges, opportunitites down the stretch

The Bell Ringer previews the final four matchups of the season

By Jody Gorham
Staff Sports Analyst

Father Ryan: (NR 1819) Father Ryan is 3-2 this year, losing to Baylor and McCallie. They pose a strong running threat with 133 yards per game. Junior running back Rafael Hopkins has almost 100 carries already this year and averages nearly 103 yards per game. The leading receiver and playmaker for Father Ryan is Jamonte Graham, younger brother of Vanderbilt athlete Jamie Graham. Coming off a 114-yard receiving game in the loss

against McCallie, look for Jamie to be a threat against the Big Red secondary. Father Ryan also has a very good kicker in Josh Arnold, increasing their chances of points once in opposing territory. This could be a tight game in what is considered to be a “must win” for MBA.

Ensworth: (NR 108) Starting off the season 5-1, Ensworth’s offense is looking strong. Although a little inflated due to the out-of-league play, numbers still don’t lie. They are averaging 156 yards through the air and 208 on the ground. Corn Elder has caused problems for the Big Red in the past and has the potential to do so again while averaging about 133 yards rushing per game. They have a strong receiver in Cory Batey, who has 345 yards receiving this year and is averaging 8.4 points a

game. On the other hand, Ensworth does have an inexperienced quarterback, which MBA will look to exploit. The key to this game will be slowing down Corn Elder and trying to wear down the Tiger defense. This will be a tough matchup for the Big Red.

McCallie: (NR 360) With a 3-2 record this year, McCallie returns their starting quarterback, Trent Lusk, lineman Tye Youngblood, and linebacker Hayden Cronan. While Cronan anchors down the defense, Youngblood fends off defenders with his 6-4 278 lbs size and good athletic ability. McCallie lost to Ensworth 28-10, but the score does not reflect how close this game was. McCallie was able to hold Ensworth scoreless in the first half and even took the lead in the second half, but due to defensive miscommunication, Ensworth

was able to break for long runs late in the game. The McCallie rushing attack put up a staggering 398 yards against Father Ryan, 241 coming from running back Daniel McClure. This McCallie team will be no push-over for the Big Red.

Pope John Paul II (NR 2695) With the Tate brothers era far behind them and with former MBA coach and NFL quarterback Jeff Rutledge as head coach, JPPII looks forward to a bright future. The Knights started off 2-3 this year, defeating East Literature and Goodpasture. They were defeated handily by Brentwood Academy and Battle Ground Academy and have failed to put up any staggering numbers this year. This game has the potential to be close, but it should be a relatively straightforward win for MBA.

Freshmen look to maintain quality form, perfect record

By Anthony Swenson
Staff Sports Writer

Led by Coach Sawyer, the freshman football team has started the season with an undefeated record of 5-0.

Once the school year started, the freshman football season also started up right away. The team kicked off the season against Seigel on a blistering August day. In Cole Euverard’s first game with the Big Red, he led the freshmen team to a victory. The team led only 13-10 at halftime, and TJ Jefferson, Michael Lacey and Cole Euverard started the second half strongly. Austin Rolfe and Wilson Flack each caught touchdown passes to extend the lead to 34-10. Owen Powell, Harrison Lien and Jermaine Francis, all playing well on defense, kept Seigel’s total yards to a minimum.

The next week on the first of September, MBA was determined to get its revenge on BA after a nail-biting loss the previous year. Within the first few minutes, Michael Lacey and Cole Euverard scored rushing touchdowns, and Owen Powell later caught a touchdown pass. With a comfortable 21-0 lead, MBA held strong on defense and finished the game with a 34-14 victory. Andrew Porter made 4 out of 5 PATs, an area which had haunted the



BIG RED PHOTOS

PEP TALK: *Coach Sawyer addresses the team before a game. The freshmen hope to maintain their undefeated record in the final two weeks.*

team the year before.

A week later, the team traveled to Father Ryan. It was a low scoring game due to great defenses on both sides. Cole Euverard ran the ball in before the half to give the team a 7-0 lead. With minutes remaining, Jacob Coffey scored off an interception to secure another Big Red

victory.

Most recently, the freshmen traveled to Cookeville. Michael Lacey, who plays on the varsity team as well, caught and scored on a pass from Cole Euverard on the first play of the game. Derrick Tusie ran the ball in for a score and Luke Bullock caught a touchdown pass.

The team’s offensive and defensive lines have been solid and have been led by center Ben Kelly, Chad Mitchell, David Bright, James Throckmorton, and Zach Roberts.

With two games remaining, the freshmen will try to finish the season with an undefeated record.

Big Red Hockey ready for 2011/2012 campaign

By Eric Anderson
Staff Sports Writer

Coming off last year’s ten-win, nine-loss, and seven-tie season, the hockey team will be facing tough competition from all teams on their rigorous schedule.

The Big Red will face both Brentwood and Ravenwood twice, the top teams in the Gold division, who have over forty players on their rosters. Building upon their success last season, Ravenwood appears to be the favorite in this eight-team division due to only one senior leaving the team.

MBA will start the season with only twelve players due to injury and because of some players participating in other fall sports such as cross-country, football, golf and bowling. Coach Deutsch has been encouraged and thankful that his multi-sport athletes and their coaches have been willing to share time with hockey, too. By the midpoint in the season, they expect to have nineteen on their depth chart.

With little depth, players are working hard to be in the best shape possible to minimize the chance of injury and make up for the few lines they will be running during games.

The risk of concussion has a major impact on high school sports, especially in hockey. Four players suffered from concussions last season, and they hope to reduce these harmful injuries throughout



PAUL SMITH

ONE TWO PUNCH: *Nick Boney and Scott Dalton slice through the opposition in a scrimmage*

the season.

For off-season conditioning, the team runs sprints up the infamous stairs at Percy Warner Park. Conner Griffin holds the team record of 1:06. They started workouts in mid-June to prepare for the games played throughout the long season which stretches all the way through the month of March.

The team also led the Loaves and Fishes (Soup Kitchen) service project over Labor Day weekend. Freshman players Stephen Ray, Turner Smith, and Jackson Garey are coordinating the team’s participation in Race for the Cure in October. The coaching staff and players spend this time to focus on teamwork and selfless behavior in order to carry such team coordination onto the ice when the games

begin.

Training and teamwork are key parts of this year, but talent plays an important role as well. Without leading scorer Justin Yoon, who had twice as many points as second-place points leader, MBA will look to Captain Scott Dalton, and assistant captains Logan Standard and Conner Griffin to lead the team in regular and post season play.

Nick Boney, Michael Piana, Tanner Yancy, George Preston and Bennett Maxwell will also play a big role for the Big Red. Both Nick and Scott had ten points last season; Nick had three goals and seven assists, while Scott had five and five.

At the winter sports assembly, Coach Deutsch addressed the need for a

goalie to the entire student body. Luckily, he found the answer within his team. Replacing graduating senior goalies Nick Bessette and Alex Austin, sophomore Jack Coyle will be the starter, even though he played on the ice as a defender last season. He has past experience playing this position, unlike back-up Tommy Douglas. The coaching staff wants to have at least two players dress out as a goalie for all practices and games.

Even though the Big Red will be playing with less than half the amount of players of other teams across the league, they will compete well against teams like Centennial, Franklin, and Hendersonville. When it comes to the tougher teams on the schedule, coming away with a victory out of the two that are played would be a moral victory for this season. Also ties can quickly be turned into victories which will greatly help the seeding and confidence going into the post season.

Entering the playoffs, MBA will look to advance further than last season, which was a 1-3 record. MBA hockey teams have a tradition of winning big games by upsetting league leaders when they least expect it. They have the returning and rising talent along with a great team spirit to be a competitive force this season. The team realizes they are facing one of the toughest schedules in their history, but they are a determined group that knows a great pleasure in life is doing what opponents say they cannot do.

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SHARP SHOOTERS: Freshmen Henry Moxley and Matt Miccioli shoot at the first event of the season. The Rifle team will be looking to a mix of youth and experience to defend its state championship.

Rifle team starts strong, prepares to defend state title

By Matt Miccioli
Staff Writer

After last year’s state championship victory, the MBA Rifles are beginning their season with their work cut out for them if they are to match such excellence.

With six returning seniors and numerous underclassmen, the Rifles have the most depth and talent of any team in recent memory, and the statistics to prove it. Senior shooters are Connor Yakushi, Adam Hawiger, Jonathan Reilly, Winn Van Cleave, Tim Bulso and Joe Scherrer. Some notable underclassmen on the team are Hunter Tidwell, Hunter Guye, Brandon Carpenter, Jordan Pugh, Nathan Sharp,

Andrew Dupuis, Matt Miccioli, Charles Hunter, James Matthews, Ross Rochford, Henry Moxley and several others whose skills will help the team as the season progresses.

Beginning the season with eight shooters in the top one hundred in the country, the Rifles, led by captains Joe Scherrer and Winn van Cleave, trounced rival Hume Fogg in the first dual match of the season, which was also the inaugural match for the new range. Placing two squads above Hume Fogg with blazing scores of 2271 and 2232, the Big Red Rifles convincingly defeated the Knights and gave the range a baptism of fire.

The Rifles then departed for Ft. Benning and the Army Marksmanship

Unit, where they received expert coaching from the Army’s finest shooters.

With redone positions and a new focus, the MBA shooters entered the Season Kick-Off Invitational more focused than ever before. Mt. Juliet, Hume Fogg and Blackman all fell to the might of MBA, as we placed seven shooters in the top ten, and eleven in the top twenty. More impressively, MBA squads took both first and second place, with all three squads placing in the top four.

MBA will face Seneca High School on October 8th and will hold the MBA Rifle Classic during Fall Break. The Rifles are beginning another successful season, with many dual matches, invitationals and tournaments ahead.

Where are they now?

Catching up with former Big Red stars



Wesley Johnson

Member of the Class of 2009 and the 2007 state championship squad, Wesley Johnson has had nothing but success since leaving MBA.

After being redshirted his first year at Vanderbilt, Wesley started every game last year and earned numerous accolades during the postseason.

Wesley was named to the All-SEC Freshman Team as an offensive tackle in addition to being named being named SEC Lineman of the Week for his outstanding performance against Ole Miss.

Since moving to center this past season, he has continued this success. In only his third start at center this year, he was named SEC Lineman of the Week.

As Vanderbilt continues its strong start, the team will surely look toward Wesley as the season progresses.

“Pajama Game” packs the punch of a lifetime

By Jamie Joyce
Entertainment Editor

This past month, the MBA Players and the Harpeth Hall Playmakers celebrated their fourteenth collaboration on the annual musical. Hosted at Harpeth Hall’s Frances Bond Davis Theater, this year’s production was “The Pajama Game,” a fun show about the Sleepite Pajama Factory and its employees’ struggles to get a seven-and-a-half cent increase to their paychecks.

MBA Senior Aaron Ardisson was fantastic as leading man Sid Sorokin, the factory’s new superintendent who bites off more than he can chew when he falls for employee representative Babe Williams, played excellently by Harpeth Hall senior Claire Crawford.

Although the leads gave stunning performances, they definitely weren’t the only examples of fine acting the show had to offer. Perhaps in his best role yet, MBA senior Hunter Woolwine gave an incredible performance as Vernon “Hinsie” Hines. His delivery and comic timing were pitch perfect as he sang his way through crowd-pleaser “I’ll Never Be Jealous Again” – a hilarious duet with senior Anna Russell Thornton in which Hinsie confronts his jealousy issues with Gladys, the object of his affection played by junior Ellie Hitt.

Another delight to see on the stage was senior John Elam as union-head and womanizer Prez. It was a great laugh to see seniors Claire Perrone and Maggie Griswold’s reactions when Prez often got too close for comfort.

To be quite honest, the acting in the show was so extraordinary it was quite easy to forget you were seeing a high



DR. FULLER

TAKE A BOW: The entire cast of “Pajama Game” joins hands in the final musical number to end off what was one of the best High School Musical productions in MBA and Harpeth Hall’s collaborative history.

school show. To be fair, the performances weren’t without faults – for example, there came times when certain actors found it hard to stifle their grins when performing a particularly funny line. But, in general, this musical went above and beyond audience’s expectations.

What was just as impressive, if not more so, were the spectacular and extravagant musical numbers. The actors displayed tremendous talent as they performed song and dance not typically associated with the average high school show.

Crowd favorites included “Her Is,” an upbeat tune about attempting to woo one of the various objects of Prez’s affection,

performed by John Elam, Ellie Hitt, and Maggie Griswold. “Once A Year Day” was also a sight to behold, as the full ensemble raced up and down the stage, exhibiting some very impressive choreography complete with backflips, cartwheels, and – hey! Is that MBA Senior Eric Walsh juggling? I think it is.

Special shoutout to seniors Rob Edwards, Hoke Smith, Noni Hill, and Lilly Carver! Despite the fact that their number was incredibly busy, those four somehow managed to outshine the rest.

However, although the musical was choc-full of great music and dancing, none compared to the sultry tango of “Hernando’s Hideaway.” By far one of the most mature numbers I’ve ever seen performed at the

high school level, it displays amazing choreography and vocal work, led by Aaron Ardisson and Ellie Hitt. Complete with fog machines and dark, ambient lighting, the atmosphere really made you feel as if you were in a place where “all you see are silhouettes” and where “no one knows your face.”

All in all, I was significantly impressed with the production. Ms. Klocko, Ms. Hammie, and Dr. Fuller had an incredible cast with which to work, and I’m sure that the seniors will look back on their final high school musical with fondness.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the show!

Kings no longer: technology and the dying record industry

By McKay Proctor
Opinions Editor

The recent release of Kanye West’s and Jay-Z’s collaborative album, “Watch the Throne,” might have been the death toll of the record industry as we know it. Instead of the conventional means, the hip-hop moguls released first to iTunes, where the album blazed new records overnight in sales, and that Friday they released the album exclusively at Best Buy.

The outrage from small record stores was tremendous, but the response from the label Island Def Jam was louder: “We’re just trying to survive.”

This chorus echoes across what remains of the great labels of the past. We’re just trying to get by. The record industry is simultaneously a hulking, dying animal and a thriving field of flowers. This is the paradox of the modern industry, even as its death knell sounds, it seems as successful as it has ever been.

This all depends on perspective. The view from Interscope or Columbia is very different from that of the micro-label. Not too long ago, major labels had their artists’ content on lockdown. Their only concerns were bootleggers and they never constituted a big enough chunk of business to matter. Then there came the Internet, a series of newfangled tubes to most record

execs. The consumer, however, wasted no time in harnessing the web to begin sharing music. Major labels didn’t worry too much about the Internet because it seemed like a passing fad, like Beta- Max or Hair-metal.

This was, at its most basic level, the undoing of the major record industry. They failed to see the power of the Internet as a means of marketing and distributing music until it was far too late.

While major labels slept, small artists saw the potential for distribution in this new tool. Artists whose reach would not have gone beyond the range their half-full tanks could carry them could suddenly reach anyone with know-how and a cat-5 cable. Simultaneously, people realized they could send and revive files (like mp3’s) over the tubes at the cost of their subscription to the Web. Enter Napster, the first of many file-sharing giants that would haunt the dreams of record execs for the decades to come.

Ten years of clawing-to-remain-relevant later, we come to today. Major labels have had to resort to downgrading their usual purchase size from an album to the single because of the influence of iTunes. This downshift proves more curse than blessing for record companies because, where they had a vertical monopoly on distribution of a more profitable product before, they now have to split revenues with the sites that bring their less profitable

content to the consumer. Major labels that used to rake in revenue and gold albums on even their most mediocre artist, now must settle for a limited profit on limited purposes. These problems of profit are compounded by the ever-present annoyance of piracy.

In recent years, internet music streaming sites have created even more problems for major labels. Sites like Spotify threaten to make the mp3 utterly obsolete by giving the consumer access to all the music they can think of on a mobile device.

Music ownership could very well be a thing of the past. I have always had trouble with this argument, though. I think that the idea of owning music is strong enough to persist through these digital revolutions. Music ownership has long been a cornerstone of one’s identity. It is not going to vanish simply because I can listen to all the Ke\$ha I want on an iPhone.

There are plenty of people who will scream about the demise of the record industry; change will come before death. As major labels have faded in relevance, a new crop of micro and indie labels have come into being, embracing the digital format. They have low overhead and high potential to profit because, in most cases, the people making the music and marketing the music are one and the same.

This is not to say that major labels will no longer exist, but things will certainly



A NEW ERA: The hip-hop album “Watch the Throne” was released on the internet before it hit the shelves. It might foreshadow the music industry’s future

change the relics of the old way of doing things. Best Buy has reduced its tangible music displays. Record stores are closing in favor of national retailers.

So, as we glide into a new age of sonic anarchy, remember these times. One day the idea of a “major label” may not exist, but then again I’ve been wrong about bigger things. The point is, just as it always has been with music, I suppose, things are unsure. Things will be unsure until they’re sure, and then doubt will creep in again. Anyway, the industry is dead! Long live the industry!

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Never shall we forget these timeless 90's classics

By Maclin Davis
Staff Music Critic

Most music fans of our generation get exposed to older independent music from lists written by music publications online, trying to give a sense of history to what seems like a random, continuous stream of releases. Whether these lists are comprehensive or frustratingly short, they always seem to have the same albums (In the 90s-- Nirvana's Nevermind, DJ Shadow's Endtroducing, Radiohead, et al).

Listed here are some classic-tier albums that for some reason or other have been ignored by all of the lists I have seen. This music critic finds the omissions outrageous, considering how many hours I have spent enjoying each of these albums. I hope this list enlightens those who think they have found everything under the sun from that great decade of the 1990s.

1. Mark Hollis - Mark Hollis (1998) - If anyone knows Talk Talk, it's most likely from their synthpop single "It's My Life". If you are familiar with that song, prepare yourself for the biggest shock of your life. If you do not know the song, still prepare yourself. This album is perhaps the most intimate record ever made. The beauty of the songs and the fragility of the instrumentation are breathtaking, and Mark Hollis' ear for atmosphere is uncanny. (4.5/5 Bells)

2. Autechre - Trae Repetae (1995) - In my opinion, this album should never stray below the top ten of any "Best of the 90s" list. If anyone reading this article even remotely cares about electronic music,



4.5 out of 5: *The La's 1991 album receives high honors.*

he needs to buy this album now. Every successful dubstep artist in the world has had a poster of Autechre's Sean Booth and Rob Brown hanging in his room since he was 12 years old. A Milestone in electronic music. (5/5 Bells)

3. Global Communication - 76:14 (1998) - A multi-faceted view to techno reveals a painstaking approach to music seldom seen in today's fast paced electronic music world. The glacial pace of these compositions is demanding but rewarding. (4/5)

4. Trans Am - The Red Line (1996) - A very intense album that defies any sort of categorization. I don't even know what to say really, except that it's amazing, and you should give it a try. (4/5)

5. Refused - the Shape of Punk to Come



3.5 out of 5: *The Posies come in at a decent score with notable original content.*

(1998) - This record will be a taste of something new for all the metalheads out there. Mixing heterogenous-but-thrashing metal compositions with found-sound snippets and electronic interludes leads for perhaps the most intellectual hardcore punk album since Black Flag's "Damaged". (3.5/5)

6. Teenage Fanclub - Bandwagonesque (1991) - Pure Power-Pop confection boasting such 90's-alternative classics as "Star Sign" and "Alcohol holiday". There are some truly incredibly pop songs on this record. (4.5/5)

7. The Posies - Frosting on the Beater (1993) - Seattle band The Posies were completely overshadowed by the grunge giants of the early 90s. This album, however, beats them all in terms of original, excellent hooks and

melodic consistency. (3.5/5)

8. The La's - The La's (1991) - Yes, we all know the brilliant pop classic "There She Goes", but very few know the entire album. Let me just say that the album lives up to the promise of the hit single. Simply put, a paragon of the genre. (4.5/5)

9. Labradford - Mi Media Naranja (1997) - Post-Rock had picked up a lot of steam by '97, and this record reflects that. "Mi Media Naranja" is comprised of 7 slow moving, haunting guitar compositions that ache in their beauty and timeless mystery. (4.5/5)

10. Dirty Three - Ocean Songs (1998) - Dirty Three's epic masterpiece is as unpredictable, dark, and massive as the ocean itself. What this band does with drums, guitar, and violin is simply astonishing. Listen to this on long drives through the dark of winter, and whatever bad things going on in your life will surely fade away, if only for 66 minutes. (5/5)



Mr. Quinn's playlist is revealed, unsurprisingly fantastic

By Paul Brazil
Staff Library Habitué

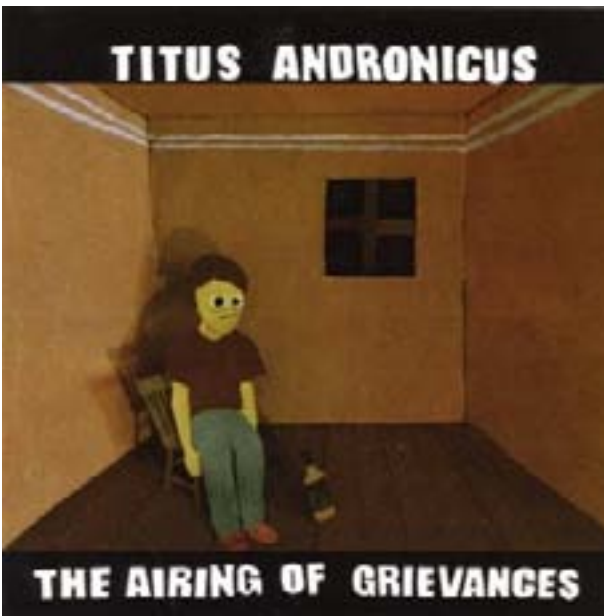
The class of 2012 has been present for many changes on campus since our humble beginnings in Massey. Perhaps the most notable is the "Change of the Guard" (a great song that sadly didn't make this list) in the Patrick Wilson library.

We all remember the bone-chilling, silent-room flanking maneuvers, executed with cold efficiency by both Mrs. Tilley and Mrs. Bramwell in attempts to stem the rampant gaming and illicit food consumption inside the library.

However, in recent years, students have started feeling as if they have a man on the inside, and that man is Robbie Quinn. Aside from cross-dressing on Halloween, Mr. Quinn brings much to the table as a librarian. Sadly, though, his totally hip and indie taste in music doesn't seem to weasel its way out during school hours. Wonder no longer, the lid of Pandora's box has been flung open.

Songs/artists that Mr. Quinn likes that are too cool for anyone else, and you've probably never heard of them, and, if you have, then I don't like them anymore because they're too «above ground» for me:

1. Rage song when I'm tired of picking up trash in the library - Titus Andronicus - "A More Perfect Union"

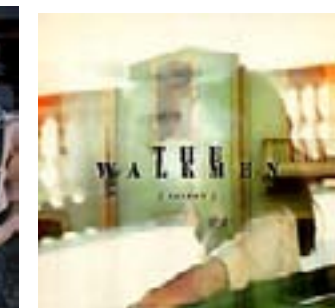


A CONGLOMERATION OF BANDS: (Clockwise from the right) The Walkmen, Dr. Dog, Titus Andronicus, The Avett Brothers, Joanna Newsom, and Mason Jennings all prove to be on RQ's top played list when he does library stuff that librarians do.

2. New-ish album by an old favorite band - "Lisbon" by the Walkmen
3. Band that reminds me of college, even though I didn't listen to them then - "Dr. Dog"
4. The "Man, I keep coming back to this album of the last few years" - "Have One On Me," Joanna Newsom
5. Most recent song I saw performed live that I liked - "Jolene" by the Weepies



6. Favorite band - Avett Brothers; Favorite song from favorite band - maybe "Selina," "really anything"
7. Why did this band break up because they were awesome?! - The Everybodyfields
8. Should be the new MBA Alma Mater - "Living in the Sunlight" by Tiny Tim
9. Oldie but a goodie - "Yes I'm Ready" by Barbara Mason



10. Great album - "Mason Jennings" by Mason Jennings

The Sheepdogs bring back classic rock

By Steve Wood
Staff Rock Enthusiast

The Sheepdogs, recent winner of Rolling Stone magazine's "Choose the Cover" contest, has a cool sound, one not heard in many other rock bands of this time. The four band members, all sporting long hair and thick beards, resemble the Allman Brothers Band of the late 60's and early 70's, and so does their music.

In 2005, this group of 70's rock enthusiasts from Saskatoon, Canada came together and began playing small gigs and doing some recording. The first album of The Sheepdogs, Trying to Grow, was released in 2006, followed by Big Stand in 2008. Until their release of the album Learn and Burn in 2010, the Sheepdogs were basically living the typical lives of struggling musicians, playing gigs mainly in Canada and travelling by van. They were soon to experience a drastic change, though.

In February, 2011, Rolling Stone magazine announced that 16 unsigned bands would be competing in a six-month-long competition for a



HERD 'EM UP: *The Sheepdogs are bringing back the Classic Rock feel we all miss*

spot on the cover of Rolling Stone. The Sheepdogs were one of these bands.

Making it through four rounds of the contest, The Sheepdogs found themselves in the finals, competing with

one other band to win. The competition gave the Sheepdogs valuable exposure at very large gigs, including Bonnaroo Music Festival in Manchester, Tennessee. To top it off, The Sheepdogs went on to win the

Papa Wags reviews the movies we love and hate, popcorn not provided

By Jack Wagster
Staff Silver Screen Critic

"The Change-Up": A vulgar comedy based around the story of two men with completely different lifestyles, magically switching their lives with each other after urinating in a magic fountain. The movie is a must see in the opinion of many movie watchers. However, it undoubtedly needs the approval of a parental figure (microbes).

"The Help": This one came out in mid-

summer and has been a hit amongst audiences everywhere. Old and young rave about its ability to truly represent the struggles of African-American women in a time of strong racism and prejudice, and it sets the bar high for future historical movies. For dudes, not a must see.

"Thor": A great-to-mediocre movie focused on a superhuman man who has come to earth and is protecting it from harm. A classic Marvel movie for those of you who liked "Iron Man." Be prepared for some action bros.

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Ms. Killebrew serves up tasty food with "Fresh by Presh"

The *Bell Ringer's* food reviewer journeys to the third floor of Ball

By Blake Burns
Staff Gourmet

Working on the top floor of the Ball Building, Presh Killebrew might not be the most familiar face on the MBA campus, but now she is really starting to make her presence felt.

Ms. Killebrew started Fresh by Presh in the summer of 2011 to help encourage people to be healthy. After switching to a gluten-free diet, Ms. K says that her body feels great and her energy levels are greatly increased. She thus wants to share this feeling of natural energy with others. With this realization, Ms. K started Fresh by Presh with the motto, "Because being healthy should taste good."

"Fresh by Presh" is a fresh and gluten-free alternative to any diet. Featured on the menu are three main items: Hummus, Smoothies and Do-Dads.

The first, and most self-explanatory, is the Hummus. Mrs. K makes Fresh by Presh's Hummus with chickpeas, sesame, garlic and a few other ingredients. This hummus has an excellent taste that is complemented by an even better texture.

Next on the menu are the smoothies. FBP's smoothies are basically a design-your-own-smoothie. The two sub-categories for the smoothies are the Green Goddess and the Fruity Tooty smoothies. The Green

contest and are now enjoying publicity like they never before imagined. Currently, The Sheepdogs are on tour with Kings of Leon and are scheduled to open for some other bands, though they easily are good enough to be playing their own shows.

The Sheepdogs are bringing back Classic Rock. With their vocal harmonies, cool melodies and hot guitar riffs, they have a sound that just has not been heard in new bands since the 1970s. Probably the best example of The Sheepdogs' classic sound is "I Don't Know," from Learn and Burn. This song exhibits both vocal harmony and some great guitar playing. Another great song is "Catfish 2 Boogaloo," also from Learn and Burn.

The Sheepdogs are on the way to the top, leading a Classic Rock revival. The time is right, as the music world has been deprived of this kind of great music for decades, and The Sheepdogs certainly have the talent to make it big.

Goddess smoothie is an all-green smoothie that has ingredients such as spinach, kale and flax seed. Even though this sounds like a liquid garden, I gave it a chance and was extremely surprised by how good this smoothie tasted.

The Fruity Tooty smoothie is a close relative to the type of smoothie that one might find at Smoothie King. Ms.K can add strawberries, bananas, apples and blueberries in any combination. Therefore, you are able to create your own smoothie and make your own personal favorite snack.

The last thing on FBP's menu is a gluten-free dessert called the Do-Dad. Do-Dads are a small, bite-sized snack that are almost too good to be true. Not many desserts in the world taste this good and are healthy for you at the same time. Do-Dads can be bought in 5-, 10-, and 15-doodle increments.

One of the best parts of Fresh By Presh is the convenience of ordering these snacks. The hardest part of getting to your FBP snacks is walking up the three flights of stairs to the top floor of Ball, but I assure you it's worth it. To order one of these delicious snacks, log on to your FirstClass account, and enter "Presh Killebrew" into the "To:" bar.

Once you've done so, send Ms. K your order, and she'll have it ready for you the next morning. So, the next theme morning when your system is completely depleted of energy, say "no" to the Venti Café Mocha at Starbucks, and treat yourself to an all-natural smoothie for a more natural form of energy minus the 3rd period crash.



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Introducing the 2011 *Bell Ringer* Fantasy Faculty League

By McKay Proctor
Staff BRFFL Grand Poobah

There has long raged a battle in my mind: who would win in a fight: Coach Barclay or Coach Gillespie?

For hours upon hours, I played out every possible scenario, weighing the skills and merits of each. The answer was Gillespie by a nose, but only because of his experience combating hippies.

As much as I would love to—my wanderings on which teachers are superior in which ways yielded another rabbit hole. What if teaching at MBA was like playing a professional sport? What if we were to start a fantasy league with the players as close at hand as in the room down the hall? How would we score such a league? Who would be

the number one overall selection? All of these questions and many, many more lead me to one answer: The Bell Ringer Fantasy Faculty League.

The premise of the BRFFL itself is simple: you draft teachers, and they score points. The logistics of the league were revealed unto me over three days, J. Alfred Prufrock style. There would be two main ways that teachers would score points: demerit distribution and general performance points.

Ideally, there would be a third category of academic achievement, but we can not exactly just waltz into the registrar's office and pull up the grades. So, the category of demerit distribution will be simple enough; each demerit given equals a certain number of points scored. There will be Style Points awarded if the description of the demeritable

offense is deemed "hilarious" (e.g. "intentional flatulence").

The general performance points will be a little more challenging. The ways to score these points will be outlined in a later issue, but the scope will be wide, from mention in assembly to leading a state championship team. Some of them will be completely arbitrary.

That might be what makes this so exciting. This League is what we here at *The Bell Ringer* make it. The League will unfold before your eyes, as we figure it out as we go. We, the editors of this paper, will make ourselves the guinea pigs, and write about it all along the way. So we, the sworn enemies of The Bell Ringer Fantasy Faculty League will see you in the next issue, on the other side of a draft and several weeks of competition.



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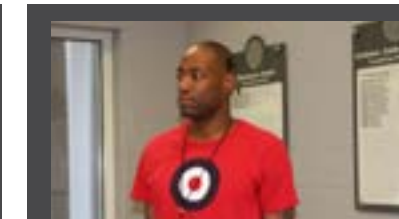
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Is Coach Anderson worth your number one pick?



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LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

There will be six teams in the BRFFL

Each team must have an awesome name.

They will fill their rosters initially in an 8-round snake-style draft.

Each team will have 8 roster spots: English, Language, Math, Science, History, Junior School and Administration/Other

There will be one sovereign Fantasy Faculty Poobah- he will preside over all disputes and competition.

The scoring cycle, for the time being, will be in line with that of the release of *Bell Ringer* issues.

The competition will be based off of head-to-head matchups, on a schedule determined by the Poobah.

You can lay claim to a teacher with the Poobah. If your claim goes unopposed for three days, the teacher is yours. If your claim is opposed, the team with the lower overall points for the season gets the teacher.

SCORING RULES

1 demerit given- 1 BRFFL point.

An arbitrary style multiplier will be assessed by the Poobah if the means or justification of the demerits is deemed "hilarious" anywhere from 2x up.

Mention in assembly- 2 points

Name mispronounce/pronounced two different ways- 2 points

Speak in assembly (announcement) – 5 points

Offspring announced in assembly – 20 points

Trip on way to get baby bib – 25 points

Coach on state championship team- 15 points

Winning something- announced in assembly (non-athletic)- 10 points

Sustaining injury (athletic)- 5 points

Sustaining injury (non-athletic)- 10 points

The Poobah reserves the right to distribute other points arbitrarily for any arbitrary reason.

BY MCKAY PROCTOR AND MCLEAN HUDSON

Scott Dalton expounds on the in's and out's of Twitter

By Scott Dalton
Executive Editor

Twitter. Not enough can be said about the social networking/stalker website that has come to dominate the way we communicate second only to Facebook. With 200 million registered users, Twitter has to be the world's most annoying social networking site. I don't really care that you just got some sweet barbecue chips from Walgreens unless those bad boys are making their way over to my house for a little bit of bro time. Buckle your chinstraps, because we are about to tackle the annoyance to my life that is Twitter and the jack wagons that use it.

Let the record show: no one cares. I understand that you are a human being and that your life will undoubtedly have events in it that are funny, happy, sad, or that involve juxtapositions of Dick Cheney's new book with the novel "Kill Me if You Can" but I could have figured that one out on my own, and it's just really not that original. If I wanted to know every single waking thought that goes through your head, I would kick it old school and post up outside your window on that tree that is close enough to hear your intimate conversations with one of those cones that The Sharper Image sells. Believe me, it wouldn't be the first time.

In case you were wondering, no one has ever done anything great with 140 characters. Gettysburg address: 1454 characters. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream Speech": 9179 characters. Scooby Doo: 5 characters (6 including Scrappy). Hence never before has anyone's life been enhanced by something that is 140 characters or less. Unless you are slapping up some palindrome that is longer than "racecar" I have yet to see the purpose of knowing whether your grocery store of choice is Harris Teeter or Kroger.

Twitter is, in essence, a program for stalking. What does "following" even mean? I can tell you right now that I no more want you "following" me than I want a four-year-old snow leopard with a bad attitude following me. Sure, initially it's cool to think that you are some sort of leader because you have followers, but let's be honest, unless you are Leeroy Jenkins, your followers on the internet would never actually do anything for you (exception: girls making baked goods).

Hash tags are possibly the most confusing part of Twitter or the Internet in general. If someone actually knows what they mean, please come find me and we can sit down and have a serious conversation about those little devils that can be nouns,



TERRIBLE TWITTER: Twitter's annoying nature makes it, well, annoying.



STONE COLD CHARACTER: Biz Stone, Co-Founder of Twitter is also known as the reason for annoying tweets and updates. Thanks.



THANK YOU FOR THE OFFER, BUT WE WILL HAVE TO RESPECTFULLY DECLINE: The concept of "following" makes many people (including Scott Dalton) nervous about actually being followed. Why would anyone want someone to know their inner thoughts and feelings? Just ask teenage girls in the 21st century for answers.



THE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE: Undoubtedly, Tosh will be exempt from any criticism. If you can successfully post tweets as good as this, there may be hope for the human race after all.

verbs, adjectives, actions, imaginary friends, adverbs, gerunds, and Spanish. Seriously, for a while I thought that hash tag anything meant that there was some sort of action involved but apparently you can just hash tag away with a #cool. Are you saying that you are cool? Or that your most recent tweet is cool? Would you like a sweater? And apparently, the hash tag was created to enhance the searching feature for people that have similar thoughts to you. Sorry Twitter, that's already been created, it's called friendship. I'm not sure if you've heard of it but you get together with your bros and eat Cheetos and sit on bean bag chairs talking about how Jeff should have gotten the puffs instead of the regular kind but it's okay because at least he is here and not out with Melissa tonight.

Hash tags, while confusing, are extremely scary for purposes of a cult uprising. My biggest fear (exception: being

in a port-a-john and having it flipped over on the door) is that some goon will tweet #everyoneantsscottdalton and lo and behold more people Re-Tweet it and now I have to wear suspenders every day because I don't have twitter and 200 million people have made it their objective to band together and make sure I get de-pants'd. Although I might be safe because that hash tag could just be a noun.

Finally, Twit-Pics. I would just like to point out that anything with the word "twit" on it is probably not a good thing to just casually throw into our vocabulary (exception: Conway Twitty). The idea that a picture is worth a thousand words becomes null if there is a 140 character caption to sum up a picture of you and your friends outside of Buffalo Wild Wings. Congratulations, you are a man, we have all been there, it's really good, why didn't you invite me? Twit-Pics are just another way to say that

you would like to show everyone that you made every shot a power shot and if you didn't your iPhone camera just really isn't that great but it's okay because you are just incredible for knowing how to press the upload button on your phone.

Gentlemen, I urge you to stay wary of your Tweeting ways. While I certainly understand your desires to be liked by people, remember that you really aren't that important and that no one (especially me) cares about what you have to say about what happens to you because it concerns you, and not me. So remember, keep your hash tags to yourself and play nicely when it comes to tagging because you never know who might be watching...or following (@BellRingerNews).



ANOTHER REASON TO NOT USE TWITTER: Lady Gaga is the most followed registered twitter user with 13,902,442 registered followers. Fortunately, 0 of those followers go to MBA.



OUR TWEETS ARE BETTER THAN YOURS: The Bell Ringer recently acquired a Twitter to test out the turbulent waters known as Twitter. We got 4 followers and immediately decided it was not in our best interest.